**Development of hospitals in Tripura**

970. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals are pending with the Central Government from the State Government of Tripura for the development of district hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals and primary health centres of Tripura;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Central Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The proposals for Dhalai, North and South District Hospitals received from DONER are being evaluated fo Technical feasibility to be funded under NLCPR. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has informed that the project of sub-divisional hospitals and Primary Health Centres have not been proposed by the State Government during the year 2004-05 under Non lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

**National Rural Health Mission**

971. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of the Government's proposed National Rural Health Mission;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the first week of November 2004, consultations with the State Governments have been held in this connection;

(c) if so, the suggestions made by the State Governments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Empowered Action Group States have bemoaned the lack of doctors in the PHCs and CHCs (Community Health Centres); and

(e) if so, what Government are doing in this regard?